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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

### *Notice of Allowance Mailed*

This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

Applicant is given 2 months from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. If the informality pertains to the abstract, specification (including claims) or drawings, the informality must be corrected with an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 (or, if the application is a reissue application, 37 CFR 1.173). Such an amendment may be filed after payment of the issue fee if limited to correction of informalities noted herein. See Waiver of 37 CFR 1.312 for Documents Required by the Office of Patent Publication, 1280 Off. Gaz. Patent Office 918 (March 23, 2004). In addition, if the informality is not corrected until after payment of the issue fee, for purposes of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(iv), "all outstanding requirements" will be considered to have been satisfied when the informality has been corrected. A failure to reply will result in the application being ABANDONED. This period for reply is NOT extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The drawings filed Dec. 4, 2002 include marked-up corrections. Also, the images of Figs. 1-3 are truncated at the bottom of the page. Clean copies of all the drawings are required for publication.

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed November 21, 2007 (copy enclosed), Applicants submit herewith Replacement Figures 1-7. Applicants believe that this Replacement Figures satisfy the requirements as stated in the Notice.

Applicants do not believe that there is a fee associated with this filing. However in the event there is a fee required, the undersigned authorizes the Patent Office to charge any deficiency in payment to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

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Respectfully submitted,



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